NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY - Charles E. Braun -BU 1364

Identifications

Violaceous Trogon - ATA Handbook 106-1 identifies the trogon on Paraguay Scott 2091d (8352 in the Handbook) as a Violaceous Trogon, *Trogon violaceus*, as indicated on the stamp. Kjell Scharning's website indicates that the bird is a White-tailed Trogon, *Trogon viridis.* I have compared the stamp to the illustrations in.Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 6, Plate 4. The tail pattern is consistent with a female of the sub-species *Trogon viridis viridis* (the other subspecies have a lot more white in the tail). It comes down to the color of the eyering. I see the eyering is more yellow, indicating a Violaceous Trogon. My wife sees the eyering as bluish, indicating a White-tailed Trogon. Take your pick!

A 2004 issue from Bequia definitely shows a Violaceous Trogon. The eyering is clearly yellow.

Royal (?) Spoonbill - *Biophilately* 47 (1) page 41 identifies the spoonbill on North Korea, 1996, SG N3631 as a Eurasian Spoonbill, *Plataea leucorodia.* Kjell Scharning's website identifies the bird as a Royal Spoonbill, *Platalea regia.* This would be a new species on stamps, not counting the1982 Rainbow Creek $1 issue (Handbook 106-1, page10). I believe this stamp shows a Black-faced Spoonbill, *Platalea minor.* The Eurasiam Spoonbill has almost no black in front of the eye. The black in the Royal Spoonbill extends behind the eye and the head has red and yellow patches. Moreover, the Royal Spoonbill occurs only in Australasia; both Black-faced and Eurasian Spoonbills occur in Korea.

New Birds

LEAST GREBE, *Tachybaptus dominicus* Podicipedidae (009.004)
Bahamas, 2003, not yet cataloged, 25 cents (The bird swimming upper left).

Length: 8 to 10 inches, sexes alike, resident. Slaty head, neck and above with a slender dark bill, pale iris and white wing patches; in winter, the throat is whitish. Habitat: fresh water.
Range: Western Mexico, S. Texas and the Bahamas to northern Argentina.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 1.

BLUE-HEADED MACAW, *Primolius couloni* Psittacidae (074.194)
Peru, 2004, not yet cataloged, 1.80 sols

Length: 16 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with blue head and wings, bare gray facial patch and red at the base of the tail.
Habitat: lowland forest edges.
Range: Eastern Peru and neighboring Brazil and Bolivia.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A.Elliott and J.Sargital. Hbk. of Birds of the World, Vol. 4.

BANDED KINGFISHER, *Lacedo pulchella* Alcedinidae (089.024)
Laos, 2004, not yet cataloged, 5000 kip

Length: 8 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a blue crown and a barred blue back with a pale orange breast and a red bill; the female is banded rufous and black above and white below with narrow black bars.
Habitat: forest. Range: Southern Vietnam to Java.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 6.

MOUSTACHED BARBET, *Megalaima incognita* Capitonidae (101.018)
Laos, 2004, not yet cataloged, 4000 kip

Length: 9 inches, sexes alike, resident. Green with a blue face, black moustache and red patch on the hindcrown.
Habitat: evergreen monsoon forest.
Range: Southern Myanmar to Vietnam.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 7.

BLACK-&-YELLOW BROADBILL, *Eurylaimus ochromalus* Eurylaimidae (105.008) Laos, 2004, not yet cataloged, 5500 kip This species has been shown on Ajman, 1972, Tr 1406, 3r See Handbook 106, page 132.

Length: 5 to 6 inches, resident. The male is black above and pinkish below with yellow markings on the back and wings and a white collar; the female (shown on the stamp) is similar with a broken collar.
Habitat: forests. Range: Southern Thailand to Borneo.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 8.

SILVER-BREASTED BROADBILL, *Serilophus lunatus* Eurylaimidae (105.012)
Laos, 2004, not yet cataloged, 4500 kip

Length: 7 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) has a pale head with a broad black supercilium, blue and black flight feathers and a rufous rump; the female is similar with a rufous head and a narrow silver band across the upper breast.
Habitat: forest. Range: Southern China to Sumatra.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 8.

SAGE THRASHER, *Oreoscoptes montanus* Mimidae (136.016)
Mozambique, 2002, not yet cataloged, 33000 m

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Brown above and streaked white below with two white wingbars and a yellow eye.
Habitat: sagebrush.
Range: Breeds in British Columbia and western U. S; winters in southwestern U.S. and Mexico.
Reference: Robbins, C. S., B. Bruun and H.S. Zim. A Guide to Field Identification, Birds of North America.

BOREAL CHICKADEE, *Poecile hudsonica* Paridae (160.014)
Canada, 2004, not yet cataloged, 49 cents

Length: 5.5 inches, sexes alike, resident. Olive gray above and off-white below with a pinkish-brown cap and upper mantle, sooty-black bib, and orange-cinnamon flanks.
Habitat: dense boreal coniferous forest.
Range: Central Alaska to Newfoundland, Montana, Wisconsin and Maine
Reference: Harrap, S, and D. Quinn. Chickadees, Tits, Nuthatches & Treecreepers.

YELLOW-BELLIED TIT, *Pardaliparus venustulus* Paridae (160.020)
China, 2004, not yet cataloged, 5 yuan

Length: 4 inches, migrant. The male (shown on the stamp) is gray-blue above and yellow below with a black cap and throat and white cheeks, nape and wingbars; The female has a pale throat and blue cap.
Habitat: open forest.
Range: Breeds in the mountains of China; winters in eastern and central China.
Reference: Harrap, S, and D. Quinn. Chickadees, Tits, Nuthatches & Treecreepers.

YUNNAN NUTHATCH, *Sitta yunnanensis* Sittidae (161.013)
China, 2004, not yet cataloged, 6 yuan

Length: 4.8 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray-blue above and pale pinkish-buff below with a narrow white supercilium and black eyestripe.
Habitat: open mature pine forest.
Range: Southwestern China.
Reference: Harrap, S, and D. Quinn. Chickadees, Tits, Nuthatches & Treecreepers.

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER, *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus* Thraupidae (201.025) Mongolia, 2003, not yet cataloged, 800 tugriks

Length: 5.5 inches; sexes alike, resident. Olive above and whitish below with a gray or brown head, white throat, pale iris and yellowish pectoral band.
Habitat: humid montaine forest and forest borders.
Range: Southern Mexico to northwestern Argentina.
Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume I.

BLACK-HEADED HEMISPINGUS, *Hemispingus verticalis* Thraupidae (201.044) Mongolia, 2003, not yet cataloged, 800 tugriks

Length: 6 inches, sexes alike, resident. Gray, paler below, with a black head, whitish iris and a long clay-colored median crown stripe.
Habitat: dense wet temperate-zone forest just below the timberline.
Range: Colombia to extreme northwestern Peru.
Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume I

BAND-TAILED SEEDEATER, *Catamenia analis* Emberizidae (202.140)
Mongolia, 2003, not yet cataloged, 800 tugriks

Length: 5 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is plain gray, paler below, with a white band across the center of a blackish tail and a buff crissum; the female is streaked light grayish brown above and streaked whitish below with a white belly.
Habitat: semiopen areas.
Range: Colombia to northwestern Argentina.
Reference: Ridgely, R. S. and G. Tudor. The Birds of South America, Volume I.

LINCOLN'S SPARROW, *Melospiza lincolni* Emberizidae (202.292)
Canada, 2004, not yet cataloged, 80 cents

Length: 5.5 inches, sexes alike, migratory. Browish above and whitish below with a finely streaked creamy breast and a gray face.
Habitat: thickets, muskeg and brushy bogs.
Range: Breeds from Alaska to Arizona, Newfoundland , northern Michigan and northern New England; winters from southern Illinois and Mississippi to Guatemala.
Reference: Peterson, R.T. A Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies.

New Birds in The Birdpex '90 Issue

STEWART ISLAND KIWI, *Apteryx australis lawryi* Apterygidae (005.001.003) Birdpex '90, 1990, $1

Length: 20 to 26 inches, sexes alike but female has a longer bill, resident. A brown, tailless and terrestrial bird with hairy feathers. The Stewart Island race has a longer bill.
Habitat: temperate forests and shrubs.
Range: Stewart Island, New Zealand.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 1.

PYCROFT'S PETREL, *Pterodroma pycrofti* Procelariidae (011.036)
Birdpex '90, 1990, 75 cents

Length: 11 inches, sexes alike, pelagic. Gray above with a dark cap and W across the wings; white below with dark edges on the wings.
Habitat: marine and probably pelagic; breeds on offshore islands.
Range: Northeastern North Island, New Zealand.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 1.

WESTLAND PETREL, *Procellaria westlandica* Procellariidae (011.050) Birdpex '90, 1990, $1

Length: 20 to 22 inches, sexes alike, pelagic. Dark blackish-brown with a black-tipped yellow bill.
Habitat: marine.
Range: Breeds on northwestern South Island, New Zealand; ranges from Tasmania to the southern Pacific Ocean.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 1.

NEW ZEALAND SCAUP, *Aythya novaeseelandiae* Anatidae (027.128) Birdpex '90, 1990, 75 cents

Length: 16 to 18 inches, resident. The male (shown on the stamp) is black above and and mottled blackish-brown below with a yellow iris; the female is blackish brown with whitish mottling below and a brown iris.
Habitat: freshwater lakes and coastal lagoons.
Range: New Zealand. Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 1.

AUCKLAND ISLAND RAIL, *Lewinia muelleri.* Rallidae (046.061) Birdpex '90, 1990, 75 cents

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, resident. Olive-brown above and gray below with a rufous head and hindneck and white-barred black flanks.
Habitat: damp vegetation.
Range: Auckland Islands.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 3.

BAILLON'S CRAKE, *Porzana pusilla* Rallidae (046.088) Birdpex '90, 1990, $1

Length: 7 inches, sexes similar, Eurasian races are migratory. Brown above with black streaks and white spots; gray face and below with barred flanks.
Habitat: densely vegetated wetlands.
Range: Eurasian subspecies breed from France to southeastern Siberia and winter in Africa and from India to the Philippines. Nonmigatory subspecies occur in southern Africa and from Malaysia to New Zealand.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 3.

WRYBILL, *Anarhynchus frontalis* Charadriidae (060.064)
Birdpex '90, 1990, $1

Length: 8 inches, migratory. The male is grayish above and white below with a black breast band and frontal bar and a bill that curves to the right. The female (shown on the stamp) has a narrow breast band and lacks the frontal band.
Habitat: large braided inland rivers.
Range: Breeds on the South Island and winters on the North Island, New Zealand.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 3.

CHATHAM ISLANDS SNIPE, *Coenocorypha pusilla* Scolopacidae (062.008) Birdpex '90, 1990, $1

Length: 8 inches, sexes similar but females are larger, resident. Brown with spotted breast, creamy-white belly and short legs.
Habitat: bushy forests and damp grasses.
Range: Chatham Islands, New Zealand.
Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargital. Handbook of Birds of the World, Volume 3.

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